

FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE FACILITATION PANEL (FALP/14)



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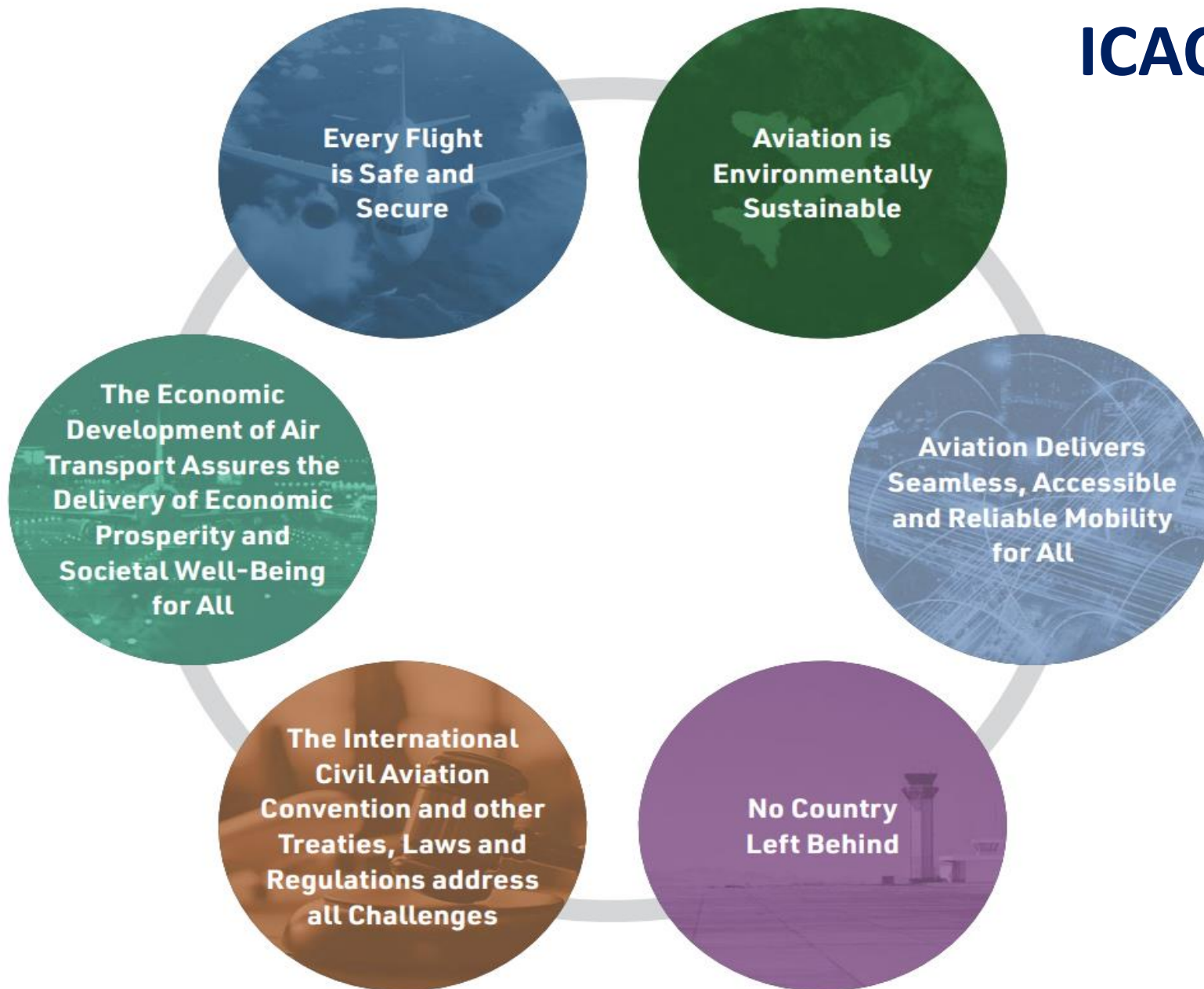
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A42 and Facilitation agenda



ICAO Strategic Goals 2026-2028



ICAO Strategic Goals – ATB Programmes



Advanced Air Mobility / New Entrants

Air Navigation Performance Improvement

Crisis Preparedness and Response

Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP)

Facilitation Conference - FALC 2025

FACILITATION
CONFERENCE
(FALC 2025)

14 to 17
April 2025
Doha, Qatar

High-level Ministerial Segment

17 April 2025

High-level attendance by 53 Ministers

Adopted Doha Declaration by acclamation

ICAO 42nd Assembly (A 42)



- ~ 3,000 Participants
- 192 Member States
- 61 International Organizations & Industry
- > 700 Working & Information Papers
Facilitation Programmes
- 57 Working & Information Papers

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Facilitation Programmes

Batch Number	Batch title
BATCH 1	Air Transport Facilitation Strategic Matters
BATCH 2	<i>Annex 9 — Facilitation</i>
BATCH 3	ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy and ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD)
BATCH 4	Accessibility in international civil aviation
BATCH 5	Assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families (AAAVF)
BATCH 6	Oversight and Capacity Building in Facilitation
BATCH 7	Trafficking in Persons and Irregular Migration



From A42 WPs to FALP/14 WPs (1)

BATCH 1: Air Transport Facilitation Strategic Matters

A42 Decisions

Number	Submitted by	Title
WP/14	ICAO Council	<i>Outcome of the Facilitation Conference (FALC 2025)</i>
WP/15	ICAO Council	<i>Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to facilitation</i>
WP/58	Qatar	<i>Doha Declaration on Air Transport Facilitation and Annex 9 implementation</i>
WP/319	Senegal	<i>Proposals for the continuous improvement of the fulfilment of obligations relating to air transport facilitation</i>
WP/72 (Rev.1)	United Kingdom, IATA and co-sponsored by ACI	<i>Fit for the future – A long-term strategic plan for Facilitation</i>

- A42 adopted the actions contained in WP 14;
- A42 endorsed WP 15 and adopted the Res. A42/17 to supersede Res. A41-17;
- A 42 endorsed the proposed actions contained in WP 58.

APPENDIX E: Global commitment to ensure that aviation delivers reliable, accessible and seamless mobility for all

A42 refer the actions contained in WPs 319 and 72 to the Council, with the involvement of the relevant technical bodies, for further study and a proposed way forward.

Reflected in FALP/14 WP2

From A42 WPs to FALP/14 WPs (2)

BATCH 2: Annex 9 — Facilitation

Number	Submitted by	Title
WP/323	Canada, co-sponsored by IATA and IFALPA	<i>Crew Identification and Facilitation</i>
WP/447	Colombia supported by 15 LACAC Member States	<i>Legal protection of pets in international air transport</i>
WP/461(Rev.1)	Colombia supported by 14 LACAC Member States	<i>Civil aviation cooperation in disaster situations</i>
WP/466	Dominican Republic, supported by 18 LACAC Member States	<i>Strengthening Facilitation through regulatory structures and national coordination mechanisms: The Dominican Republic experience</i>
WP/104 (Rev.1)	Saudi Arabia, co-sponsored by Singapore	<i>Addressing and upgrading passenger experience</i>

A42 Decisions

A42 refer the actions contained in the paper to the Council, with the involvement of the relevant technical bodies, for further study and a proposed way forward.

Reflected in FALP/14 WP 4

From A42 WPs to FALP/14 WPs (3)

BATCH 2: Annex 9 — Facilitation (Cont'd)

A42 Decisions

Number	Submitted by	Title
WP/105	Saudi Arabia	<i>Prepradeness for managing health risks associated with air travel</i>
WP/386	Saudi Arabia	<i>Humanitarian Flights (action c))</i>
WP/156	United States	<i>Harmonizing crew treatment standards worldwide – maintaining momentum in the next triennium</i>
WP/161	United States	<i>Updating Annex 9 chapter 5 to reflect technological advances</i>
WP/372	Uruguay, supported by 19 LACAC States	<i>Disruptive and/or unruly passengers</i>
WP/285	IATA, IFALPA, ITF and TIACA	<i>Crew Identification and the Framework provided by Annex 9</i>
WP/439	IAEA	<i>Enhancing cooperation between IAEA and ICAO to raise awareness and increase knowledge of the safe and secure transport of radioactive material</i>

- A42 endorsed WP386 and adopted the Resolution A42/13 to supersede Res. A41-13;
- A42 endorsed the proposed actions a) and b) contained in the WP372

A42 refer the actions contained in the WPs 105, 156, 161, 285, 439 and action c) of WP 386 to the Council, with the involvement of the relevant technical bodies, for further study and a proposed way forward.

Reflected in FALP/14 WP4

From A42 WPs to FALP/14 WPs (4)

BATCH 3: ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy and ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD)

Number	Submitted by	Title
WP/475	Argentina , supported by Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Uruguay.	<i>Opportunities for improving the implementation of the PKD (Public Key Directory) and electronic passports in border controls</i>
WP/325 (Rev.1)	Airports Council International (ACI), co-sponsored by Kazakhstan	<i>Seamless passenger experience</i>

A42 Decisions

A42 refer the actions contained in WPs 475 and 325 to the Council, with the involvement of the relevant technical bodies, for further study and a proposed way forward.

Reflected in FALP/14 WP8 and WP5

From A42 WPs to FALP/14 WPs (5)

BATCH 4: Accessibility in international civil aviation

Number	Submitted by	Title
WP/460	Colombia supported by 14 LACAC Member States	<i>Legal protection of pets in international air transport – Colombia experience</i>
WP/184	Denmark on behalf of the EU and its Member States, and the other Member States of the ECAC States, co-sponsored by Australia, Canada, Japan and ACI	<i>Accessibility to persons with disabilities: Addressing operational challenges under a unified action plan</i>
WP/471	Dominican Republic supported by 18 LACAC Member States and co-sponsored by the Airports Council International (ACI)	<i>Universal Accessibility in Civil Aviation: Proposal for a regional strategy based on the experience of the Dominican Republic</i>
WP/416	Uruguay, supported by 19 LACAC Member States	<i>Addressing and ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities in air transport</i>
WP/354	International Air Transport Association (IATA), and co-sponsored by the Airports Council International (ACI)	<i>The importance of a global accessibility strategy and uniform regulations, standards and procedures</i>
WP/264	International Partners for Aviation Development, Innovation and Sustainability (iPADIS)	<i>Enhancing accessibility in aviation</i>
WP/433	Latin American Association of Aeronautical and Space Law (ALADA)	<i>Disability and/or reduced mobility</i>

A42 Decisions

- A42 adopted in WP 184 the Resolution A42/15 to supersede Res. A41-15;
- A42 adopted the proposed actions contained in WP 471, WP 416 and WP 433;
- A42 endorsed actions (a), (b), and (c) contained in WP 264 and adopted the amendment to Appendix E of the draft Resolution presented in A42 WP/15.

A42 refer the actions contained in WPs 460, 184 and 354 to the Council, with the involvement of the relevant technical bodies, for further study and a proposed way forward.

Reflected in FALP/14 WP6

From A42 WPs to FALP/14 WPs (6)

BATCH 5: Assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families (AAAVF)

Number	Submitted by	Title
WP/16	ICAO Council	<i>Assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families</i>
WP/59	Qatar	<i>Supporting compliance of the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) related to Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families (AAAVF)</i>
WP/290	Air Crash Victims' and Families' Federation International (ACVFFI), co-sponsored by Kazakhstan	<i>Symposium on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families</i>

A42 Decisions

- A42 adopted in WP 16 the Resolution A42/14 to supersede Res. A41-14;
- A42 requested the Council to continue promoting broad stakeholders' engagement, and encourage convening AAAVF symposia consistent with ICAO procedures.

A42 referred the actions contained in WP 59 to the Council, with the involvement of the relevant technical bodies, for further study and a proposed way forward.

Reflected in FALP/14 WP7

From A42 WPs to FALP/14 WPs (7)

BATCH 6: Facilitation Oversight and Capacity Building

A42 Decisions

Number	Submitted by	Title
WP/320	Saudi Arabia	<i>Establishment of a national oversight framework for air transport facilitation</i>
WP/244	United Arab Emirates (UAE)	<i>Fostering Facilitation through capacity building</i>
WP/158	The African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) on behalf of 54 Member States	<i>Model Framework for the Facilitation and certification of FAL Inspectors and Instructors in Angola (action c)</i>
WP/127	The African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) on behalf of 54 Member States	<i>Leveraging assistance for various passenger data systems</i>

- A42 adopted in WP 16 the Resolution A42/14 to supersede Res. A41-14;
- A42 endorsed the actions contained in WP 244

A42 referred the actions contained in WP 320, WP 127 and action c) of WP 158 to the Council, with the involvement of the relevant technical bodies, for further study and a proposed way forward.



Reflected in FALP/14 WP 7

From A42 WPs to FALP/14 WPs (8)

BATCH 7: Trafficking in Persons and Irregular Migration

Number	Submitted by	Title
WP/185	Denmark on behalf of the EU and its Member States, and the other Member States of the ECAC, and co-sponsored by Australia, Japan and IBAC	<i>Collaborative approach in addressing the use of air transport for irregular migration</i>
WP/469	Dominican Republic supported by 17 LACAC Member States	<i>Legal consolidation of provisions on human trafficking in international civil aviation</i>
WP/276	Jamaica	<i>Irregular migration – the exploitation of non-scheduled operators and general aviation in the Caribbean and Latin America (action a)</i>
WP/449	Mexico	<i>Proposal for ICAO to address the smuggling of migrants by air within the facilitation programme</i>
WP/182	United States	<i>The importance of combatting human trafficking in air operator supply chains</i>

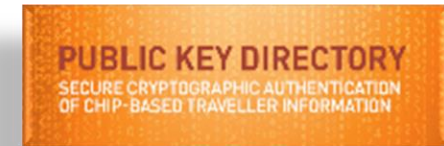
A42 Decisions

- A42 endorsed the proposed actions of WP469.;
- A42 noted that the existing Res. A41-16 addresses the issue of combatting human trafficking. Therefore, the Resolution outlined in the Appendix of WP 182 should be incorporated into it and adopted Res. A42-16 to supersede Resolution A41-16

A42 referred the actions contained in WP 185, action a) of WP 276 and WP 449 to the Council, with the involvement of the relevant technical bodies, for further study and a proposed way forward.

Reflected in FALP/14 WP10

Three interrelated facilitation programmes



The ICAO PKD – an Opt-In Programme



Doha Declaration:

Urge States to....

- **Improve passenger travel experience** and cargo facilitation by **enhancing efficiency** of the movement of aircraft, passengers, crew and cargo;
- Support the **ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD)** and its **active use internationally**, advocating for its use in both governmental and private sectors to provide **the foundation for the verification of travel documents and related digital credentials globally**;

A New ICAO PKD System

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Went-live 27 March 2026

- New data capabilities and services
 - More user-friendly access and connectivity
 - Improved statistical reporting and user feedback mechanisms
 - Lower costs

In a world of widespread issuance and use of electronic passports, and in readiness for new possibilities such as the Digital Travel Credential (also verifiable using PKD data), the ICAO PKD is a critical resource.

Implementation Status by region

API/iAPI/PNR status by region

Region	API/iAPI	PNR
Asia and Pacific (APAC)*	16	12
Eastern and Southern African Office (ESAF)	8	3
European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT)	39	37
Middle East (MID)	9	6
North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC)	21	5
South American (SAM)	10	5
Western and Central African (WACAF)	4	3
Total	107	71

Implementation Challenges For Data Systems

- Legal

- Robust legal framework
- Compliance with international standards
- Data Protection Safeguards

- Industry Engagement

- Connectivity with airline systems
- Handling non-compliance issues

- Operational

- Multi agency approach
- Training of staff on watchlisting and rules based on targeting
- Establishment of Passenger Information Unit

- Technical

- Procurement and deployment of Data Analytical Solution
- IT Security
- Cost



Twenty-First Symposium and Exhibition on the ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP)

**Montréal, Canada,
22-24 September 2026**

- ✓ for the exchange of information
- ✓ a world-class forum
- ✓ on all aspects of traveller identification management and the ICAO TRIP Strategy
- ✓ providing decision makers and technical experts with valuable insight on key current and emerging issues.



Thank You

